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Department of the Air Force
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Dear MSgt Hall:

This is in response to your letter of 4 April 1979 regarding the portion markings of the National Basic Intelligence Factbook.

The Information Security Oversight Office Directive No. 1 dated 2 October 1978 states in Section I.G.9 that "portion marking shall be accomplished by placing a parenthetical designator immediately preceding or following the text that it governs." While the Department of Defense chose to place portion markings preceding the information, CIA chose the other option of placing the markings following the information. Since the "Factbook" is published by CIA, the format is governed by our procedures.

We hope this clarifies the apparent discrepancy between your portion marking procedures and ours.

Sincerely,

/s/

Agency Security
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